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An end to on-campus banking

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Campus Federal Credit Union plans to move off campus at the beginning of next year. Some students and teachers are worried about the move, but credit union sources do not expect it to limit access to their accounts.

Earlier this year, Campus Federal decided to close its LSUS branch and open another office in the Bayou Walk Shopping center in the first few months of 1998. According to Joanne Dufilho, marketing director for Campus Federal, this is the result of years of research.

"This is the culmination of a multi-year project," Dufilho said of the move. The new location will mean easier access for customers that live off campus, but people still attending the school may have to get used to doing there banking business differently.

Vanessa Adams

Vanessa Adams, the LSUS branch teller, said that the move should not be hard. Online banking and service through automated teller machines will lessen the need for a branch on campus. "I've heard a lot of people say that they are going to get into online banking," Adams said. The credit union will introduce that service in the next few weeks.

Customers will also have access to their accounts through the ATM in the lobby of the U.C. The credit union plans to renovate it and add a direct line to a customer service representative. Adams said that this should increase account access on campus.

Dufilho said that the credit union expects to lose some customers, but that most will remain with the company. "We see it more as adding services, rather than taking them away," Dufilho said.

The new site was purchased last week and is expected to have three or four lanes for drive-through banking. There are also discussions of Saturday business hours.

Professional development at top of faculty senate's agenda

Lori Whaley
ALMAGEST

Members of the Faculty Senate planned for a good year in their first meeting of the semester. Professional development will be a big part of this year's agenda.

The meeting began with an announcement by Chancellor Vincent Marsala about the 1997-98 Faculty Development Fund for the LSUS faculty. This fund will allot $1,000 to every faculty member for his or her professional development.

The Deans' Council has recommended guidelines for the distribution and use of these funds. The chancellor's announcement was met with great appreciation by the senate.

First in line was the discussion of old business. The senate was told that the new course/teacher evaluation instrument previously approved would be ready to use in November. The approval of a replacement to the Executive Committee finished up old business.

New business followed on the agenda. President Nolan introduced new senators, senate officers, and executive committee members. Members of senate standing committees were also introduced.

The senate then approved the creation of an ad hoc committee to restudy the subject of academic dishonesty. Members were also appointed to this committee and approved.

The meeting was adjourned and President Nolan and other senate members seemed to feel that this would be a productive year for LSUS and the faculty senate.

Committee to decide tech fee's application

Jerry Scott
ALMAGEST

More talk and conjecture still continue about the new and supposedly inevitable technology fee added to student fees at LSUS and other Louisiana colleges and universities.

In the beginning, a majority of students were just unwilling to pay another fee, regardless of how it would be used, but now more students are realizing that the fee can actually benefit them now and in the future.

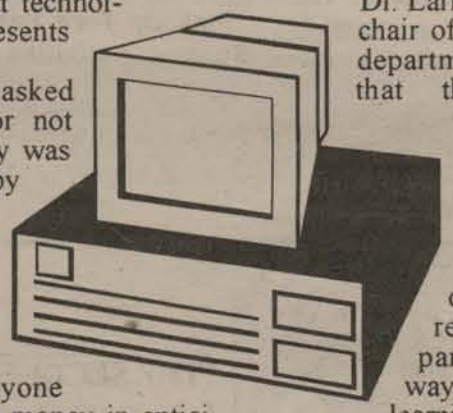
The committee will write a proposal that will be submitted to the chancellor and then to the board of supervisors. The committee has already been formed and the chancellor has appointed Shelby Keith, director of computer services, as technology fee committee chairman. The charge of the committee is to draft a plan that will govern the spending of the fees overall and over each fiscal year. Keith said that any revenue raised from one fiscal year will fold over into the next so that none of the money would be lost.

Seven students and six faculty and staff members will make up the committee. Each delegate was appointed so that no one part of the student body is neglected as far as their stock in how the money from the technology fee will be used.

The names of the other twelve committee members are slated to be released next week before their first meeting with the chancellor.

"The technology fee is a fee that the students are paying and it will be spent to impact the greatest majority of students. The students will see the benefits from the technology fee soon after the proposal is submitted to the board," Keith said.

Keith also pointed out the importance that students see the value of the fee in terms of the benefits that it will produce so that they are better able to meet the challenges that technology presents everyday.



When asked whether or not any money was spent by any college in anticipation of the fee, Keith said, "Anyone who spent money in anticipation that the fee would cover it did so at their own risk. Just because a proposal is submitted to the committee does not mean that it will be approved."

Dr. Lawanda Blakeney, music professor at LSU, when asked about how she thinks the money should be spent said that as long as the money is "equitably shared" then all the students will benefit.

Dr. Larry Anderson, chair of the English department, said that the biggest potential use that the English department would have for the use of the fee revenues is partly underway. The new learning resource lab housed in the English writing lab will hopefully be funded partially by technology fee funds. The computers themselves were paid for through a grant but the resource lab committee will request funds from the technology fee revenues for lab maintenance and to pay laboratory assistants and tutors to operate the lab's longer hours.

Any students or faculty who have request proposals for funding or suggestions as to how funds should be allocated should submit those proposals and ideas to Shelby Keith, any of the other committee members, or to their prospective department chairs.

The committee is scheduled to meet Sept. 30, at 2 p.m. in the chancellor's conference room. As soon as the committee meets with the chancellor for their specific instructions, they will begin accepting requests from the various colleges, which they will in turn, submit to the Louisiana Board of Supervisors.

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Monday night miracles

Brian Allen
SPORTS COLUMNIST

Top 5 Happiest People After Sunday's Saints Game:
5. Mike Ditka
4. Heath Schuler
3. Mario Bates
2. Anyone wearing a paper bag
1. Wayne Fontes

The Saints may apply for a transfer to the NFC Central when they beat the Chicago Bears in two weeks.

Of course the NFL will refuse when they realize how far west New Orleans is. They're even farther out there than the Carolina Panthers! But this season is already fraught with all sorts of intrigue. So far we've learned that:

1) Pulling tendons out of John Elway's throwing arm is good,

2)The same applies for breaking Mark Brunell's leg

3) Snapping the football for a field goal is rapidly becoming a lost art.

I forgot to mention that Steve Young really, really likes it when you knock him senseless. He's thrown for over 300 yards in both games after returning from la-la land. The 49'ers have gone from being an overwhelming Super Bowl favorite, to an also ran, and back to Super Team status all in less time than it took to write the screenplay for "Steel."

Nothing has changed the big picture in the NFC, however. San Fran, Dallas, and Green Bay are still the class of the league, although the Tampa Bay Buccaneers are making believers out of everyone. The Vikings would be somewhere in this mix if not for the Bucs and their head coach who disassembles the Vikes'defense as if he designed it. (Oh yeah, he did.)

I can project the AFC in three words: IT DOESN'T MATTER. None of the teams are strong enough to break the NFC's deadlock yet. But as far as upsets go, you have to look at the Jacksonville Jaguars, Denver Broncos, and Kansas City Chiefs. The Chiefs-Broncos status will depend on who wins the division, because we have also learned the AFC West champion earns a free trip home in their first playoff game. One last rhetorical question to ask: If all the NFL's games were played on Monday night, would they all be decided on the final play?

Student excels in karate

Pat Talley
ALMAGEST

LSUS senior Kevin Dennis Robinson Jr. is the winner of the U. S. Karate Alliance's World Championship for the white belt heavyweight division.

The championship is held annually and has over 175 divisions open to all styles and all competitors. This year's contest was held Aug. 3 in New Orleans. The alliance's headquarters is in Albuquerque, N.M.

Robinson has studied martial arts for five years and began competing in karate this past March. He helped organize the Martial Arts Club at LSUS and serves as its president. James Todd is the club's instructor.

Robinson became a criminal justice major at LSUS after a stint as a legal specialist in the Army National Guard. He is a 1995 graduate of C.E. Byrd High School.

Through the military science department at LSUS, Robinson attended the U.S. Army Airborne School in Fort Benning, Ga., where he earned his jump wings. He plans to complete his military science requirements and earn a commission in the U.S. Army. He is currently serving in the Louisiana National Guard.

In addition to his school activities, Robinson works as a community assistant at the University Court Apartments, a student worker for the Department of Veterans' Affairs, and a private investigator with Private Investigations of Louisiana.

He holds an apprentice private investigator's license for the states of Louisiana, Arkansas, and Texas, and is certified in parachuting and first aid. He is also a recent recipient of the Glen Tompkins Memorial Scholarship from the Shreveport Police Local 75, and hopes to pursue a career in federal law enforcement.

Science building is going to the dogs

Byron Reeves
ALMAGEST

The second floor of the science building has had two dogs roaming the halls for some time. No, this is not a new security measure from the campus police. These dogs are the personal pets of Dr. Steven Lynch, professor of biological sciences.

"I've been bringing dogs to school for 20 years," Lynch said, stating that these dogs are not the first to roam the halls of the science building. Lynch said that over the years he's had several dogs at LSUS, one of which was a Labrador Retriever who could balance different objects on its nose. This dog was featured in a two-page spread in an LSUS yearbook, circa 1978.

Photo by Kirk Dickey

From left: Splash, Lynch, and Willy are buddies with students at the science building. The furry friends provide entertainment for the students and faculty, and cure stress symptoms naturally, and for free. Ten minutes of intensive hugging and petting, and one's worries will be licked away.

These present companions to Lynch, Meagan's Spirited Splash and Ashley Lynch's Steel Will, A.K.A. "Willy", are Cardigan Welsh Corgis, "rated as one of the top five family dogs," Lynch said. "Willy" is a Blue Merle — he possesses a special gene that cause blue eyes — an unusual trait in dogs. Splash and "Willy" were bred from show dogs, but Lynch has no plans to show them.

When asked about safety concerns, Lynch said that "these are the last dogs to bite anyone." Lynch also said that the dogs provide entertainment for the kids and they are useful as stress relievers. Cradling "Willy" in his arms, Lynch tells the story of how "Willy" got some glue on his coat, and it had almost worn off.

"The bad guys had Corgis in (the film) "Babe," Lynch said , but indicated that these are some of the most gentle dogs known to man. As Lynch spoke, two students came into Lynch's office and demonstrated just how gentle the dogs are.

Campus Police Chief Ron Parker said that there are "really no university rules prohibiting dogs" on campus, but the city of Shreveport has an ordinance requiring that dogs be kept "on a leach or under the owner's control," i.e. held in the owner's arms. Dr. A.L. McKinney, dean of sciences, said that he could "order him not to do it," referring to Lynch bringing the dogs to campus, but Lynch "would be upset."

So far, no complaints have been recorded against having the dogs in the science building, and this has been going on for some time, and all indications are that it will continue. So move over Henrietta, the dogs are here to stay.

Two LSUS students published in historical journal

Amy Mercer
ALMAGEST

The 1997 spring-summer edition of the *North Louisiana Historical Association Journal* features the work of LSUS graduate student Nita Cole and LSUS graduate George Marion-Landais.

Cole, who is pursuing her Master of Arts in Liberal Arts, was awarded first place in the Overdyke Competition for best graduate student paper. Her paper, "The History of the Dunn House, 1838-1881, Greenwood Louisiana," was published in the Journal as a result of receiving first place.

Dr. Alan S. Thompson, LSUS professor and editor of the *Journal*, explained that while first, second and third place winners receive monetary awards, first place also receives automatic publication. The Overdyke competition gives awards in two categories — graduate work and undergraduate work in North Louisiana history.

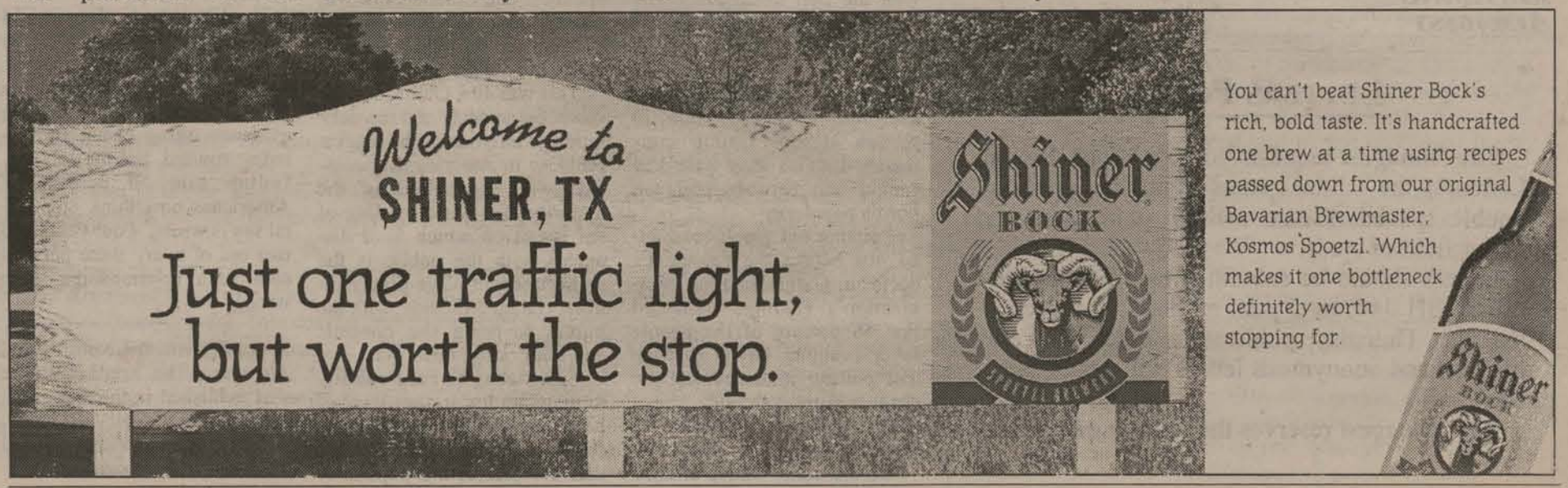
Cole presented her paper in February at the Historical Association Winter 1997 meeting, hosted by the Greenwood Historical Society.

LSUS graduate George Marion-Landais was published for his research into the letters of Alfred Flournoy Jr. Marion-Landais spent a year and a half working on the letters under an undergraduate research fellowship. Dr. Mary Ann Shaw worked with Marion-Landais on the project and said the work published in the *Journal* is an abridged version of the complete research. The work is titled "The Alfred Flournoy, Jr. Letters to Theodosia, His Wife, 1961." The original letters are in the Department of Archives and Special Collections at Noel Memorial Library.

The fall edition of the *Journal* will be published in November. It is published three times a year and is edited at LSUS. Thompson said anyone may submit a paper for publication. Articles are chosen by a committee of professors and some non-professors.

The *Journal* is sent to about 500 libraries, schools and individuals in Louisiana and across the country.

The *Journal* office is located in the Department of History and Social Sciences in Bronson Hall.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A lesson learned

A lesson is always welcome. As a novice reporter, I have learned a lot in the past six months.

Last week in the 11th hour of deadline, I spotted a story on campus regarding the vandalism of the Zeta Tau Alpha wooden letters. I wrote it up quickly and gave it to my editor, believing it was a humorous lighthearted campus story.

Five of my words, "But the girls all know...," made my story sound slanted. The Zeta women, when I talked to them, were not trying to place blame or point fingers. I, as a reporter, was merely trying to make the connection between the vandal and the use of the pink spray paint — Phi Mu's colors.

I did not cover the other side, and I apologize to the readers. I've come a step closer to becoming a better reporter, and I thank both sororities for pointing out my flaw.

Perhaps some good has come of this: two sororities have rallied together to clear the misunderstanding I caused, and my mistake can be used in journalism classes for years as a on-campus example of slanting a story.

I'm usually pretty good about never making a mistake twice — unless it tastes like chocolate — and this one didn't.

Mary Jimenez,
staff reporter
ALMAGEST

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Letter to the Editor

Regarding the article published about Zeta in the last issue of the *Almagest*, I would like to clarify my position and that of my Zeta Tau Alpha sisters. Our new wooden letters were spray-painted bright pink by an unknown vandal. Our chapter has no idea about who painted the letters and we are not trying to place blame on anyone inparticular. We decided that since there was no real way for us to ever know who did this, we would make the best out of the situation by having the last laugh and making the unknown culprit see that Zetas have enough class to take this as a good joke and go on with our lives. We wore pink shirts only because that is the current color of our letters. We did not wear pink to insinuate that the sisters in Phi Mu, whose colors are pink and white, were the vandals. Had our letters been painted green, we would have worn green shirts. Had our letters been yellow, Zetas would have been sporting bright yellow jerseys last Tuesday. Whoever painted the letters is the person trying to make Phi Mu look responsible for the vandalism. Zeta is not and never has suggested that Phi Mu is guilty. The article published last issue did not misquote me. However, my statement that we were not pointing a finger at anyone was followed by a line by writer, which stated that everyone knows who's colors are pink, making it seem like my quote was insinuating that Phi Mu was to blame and our pink shirts were a direct attack on them. I did not then and I do not now believe that Phi Mu painted our letters. Rumors of retaliation against our pink jerseys have been circulating the Greek community and this article and its implications of guilt will no doubt create more stress between the two sororities here at LSUS. I am simply trying to clarify what I said to the article's writer and justify our pink shirts as a slam against the vandal, not Phi Mu. Hopefully by this letter we can stop a retaliation of any sort because of misunderstanding or poor journalism in order to maintain the integrity of our two sisterhoods, the good reputation of both our organizations and the good attitudes of all of our new Greek sisters.

Christianne Wojcik
Senior
English, and
Vice President II
Zeta Tau Alpha

Celebrating LSUS' 30th Anniversary

Those where the days

Gallup 'ing' between polls

By Keenan Gingles

SEVERAL HUNDRED people jammed into the science lecture auditorium Monday to hear one of America's foremost authorities on public opinion polling.

Sponsored as the first of the five scheduled programs by the school's Artists and Lecturers Committee, George Gallup, Jr., president of the Gallup Poll, discussed the controversial pardoning of Richard Nixon, the priority of the public's interest in the news and their mood about many current issues.

Gallup, who was educated at Princeton and Oxford Universities, has been active with the poll since 1953. His father, George Gallup Sr., founded the organization in 1935.

In his first appearance since President Ford's decition to pardon Nixon, Gallup confessed that his stop here had caught him between polls on Ford's popularity.

Pointing out a poll conducted just before the President's decision, Gallup said his organization's findings indicated that 56 percent of the people favor bringing Nixon to trial. The pollster indicated that the organization should have another poll revealing views on Ford's action in a few days.

On the issue, Gallup alluded to the President's remarks revealing he (the President) couldn't rely on public opinion polls to tell him what is right. Gallup answered Ford by saying he was in complete agreement. "The Gallup Poll applauds the President's remarks," he said.

However, he added, "I cannot imagine a leader not weighing them (public opinion polls) carefully, because they're not some mechanism or tool ... they are the views of the public as closely as we can measure them.

Citing Ford's high degree of popularity in the office, as measured by the polling organization, Gallup said the President is admired by the public for his openness and candor. Ford was batting about 500 percent with the views of the public, according to the polster.

This was due, Gallup said, to views on amnesty and his definition of inflation as the biggest problem in America that coincide with the beliefs of the majority of Americans. One of the issues on which Ford disagrees with the public is the reenactment of wage-price controls, Gallup indicated, with the public favoring the controls and Ford ruling them out.

Speculating on Ford's ability to maintain his current level of popularity, Gallup early in his speech said, "Typically we find that the president's popularity troubles really don't start until his second year in office."

According to Gallup for the first time in 35 years the "focus of the American public's chief concern" is domestic rather than international in scope. Americans now consider the high cost of living as the number one domestic problem, he said.

On other topics, Gallup said:
– Political disillusionment is at all time high. Reflecting dissatisfaction with both major political parties, Americans could give Independents a challenging role in American politics.
– If left to the public, every aspect of political campaigning would be changed, including enactment of campaign spending limits and limiting the number of terms senators and representatives may serve.
– The Electorel College would be abolished if left up to the electorate.
– America is going through a "sex revolution." Pointing to evidence citing changing attitudes toward premarital sex, Gallup said 50 percent of Americans now think premarital sex is wrong. Four years ago two out of every three persons said such relationships were wrong.

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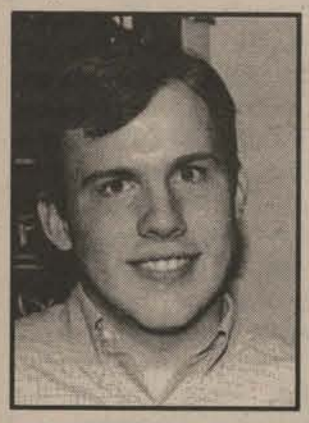
Polar Points

Who should decide whose freedom counts more?

By Mark Anderson



THERE IS ONE WORD like no other, in the English vocabulary. One word that at its very pronunciation can send even the most composed feminist into a state of pure rage. The word is abortion.

I strongly oppose abortion, but not for the reasons you might expect. I am not an overbearing power freak male, who feels that women should have no rights. I am pro-life because I feel that life begins at conception and therefore abortion is murder. I also believe that we as human beings have an obligation to preserve the dignity of human life and abortion does the complete opposite of that. In fact, abortion degrades human life to the lowest point imaginable.

Thomas Jefferson said: "The protection of human life and happiness, and not their destruction, is the first and only legitimate object of good government." However, in Roe v. Wade seven members of the Supreme Court decided that an unborn child is not a "life." Since, the 1973 decision, there have been more than 33 million abortions performed. This overwhelming number of abortions has to be linked to the ever declining value system in America.

Many will claim that abortion is necessary for nothing else if to save the mother's life or in the case of rape or incest. However, statistics show that the overwhelming majority of abortions are performed for matters of pure convenience. The Alan Guttmmacher Institute, a division of Planned Parenthood which is definitely not known for promoting pro-life ideals, recently surveyed 1,900 women about the motivation behind abortions. The study found that only 7 percent of all abortions are motivated by "hard cases" (i.e., the mother's health, the baby's health, or case of rape and incest). An overwhelming 93 percent are performed as a method of birth control or for social reasons.

Abortion proponents claim justification of their beliefs under the category of personal choice. Yet, this assertion is flawed. Personal choice is no more than that . . . an individual's choice. Someone can choose to do drugs, or to murder. However, can they claim justification for their actions by saying that it is their right to choose? Of course not. Nor, can women claim justification to their right to abortions by simply saying it is their right to choose.

A 1994 Gallup poll commissioned by CNN and USA Today found that 65 percent of Americans believe that abortion should either be "illegal in all circumstances" or "legal under certain circumstances." This statistic shows that most Americans feel that some change must be made to the existing abortion law. The first change should come with the President's signature on the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act, a bill that would limit a gruesome act that is basically infanticide. Moreover, Congress should adopt, and send to the states for ratification, a human life amendment that applies the protection of the 14th amendment to unborn children, and assures recognition of their fundamental right to life.

Preserving the sanctity of human life is essential to our growth as a nation. Abortion devalues what is a precious gift from God. We cannot continue to support the murdering of unborn and partially born babies. It is inherent that we recognize the value and the worth of each individual life from the moment of conception until that person's last breath.

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By MaKayla J. Sibley

ABORTION. PRO-LIFE. Pro-Choice. Roe v. Wade. So few words in the English language just stand up and begged to be noticed as these few do. I have rarely seen such passions ignite or such faces cringe as when I mention the ugly "A-word." If you don't believe me, try it. Walk up to a group of people and say "Abortion!" and see how many words they can hurl at you without taking a breath. I'm in a very touchy situation myself concerning abortion. My fiancé is very Catholic and I am not. So I believe I understand both sides of the issue, while still trying to bring your thinking onto my side of the fence.

Let's just delve right into the meat of this matter - I could use the hate mail. I believe in a woman's right to choose. Why? Because it's my body and I can do with it what I please. I can tattoo my body, pierce my unmentionables, drink my liver into a coma, or throw it in front of a bullet on the front line. It is not owned by the government or anyone else. And when I say "right to choose," I mean just that - a right to choose. I'm not ecstatic or elated over abortion itself, but I do support a woman having the final say in what goes on in her body.

In 1973 Justice Harry A. Blackmun wrote for the Supreme Court declaring abortion legal and a constitutionally protected right. We all know abortions were happening before they were legalized, only in filthy, unsterile back alleys. Do we really want to go back to this and have the mothers die too? Do the anti-abortion radicals who murder the doctors actually realize that they have taken a life just as the women who went into the clinic? I guess they believe in "an eye for an eye." That's a real healthy attitude. Didn't that philosophy go out with Hammurabi's Code?

If abortion does become illegal in the future, this only adds to the premise of governmental intrusion. If the government can reach its long arm into your body and tell you not to have an abortion, then what else can it do? If someone important needs a kidney, then the government can order you to give up one of yours. Don't think the government will pick and choose where it sticks its fingers. Once America cracks the door to bodily intrusion by the government, it's going all the way.

What if a girl is raped and conceives a child? Does she have a right to an abortion? You bet she does. It's a horrific enough tragedy for someone to have to experience man's cruel, inhumane side in the form of rape, but to have to carry a child who is a constant reminder of that brutal invasion. Absolutely not. Let's say all these children were brought into the world instead of aborted, no matter how they were conceived. Most all of these children would likely be put into orphanages. Can all of the Pro-Life people swear to bring each one of these children into their homes and give them love, food, and shelter until their eighteenth birthday? Or will they fight the good fight for the unborn child and then abandon them, cut spending on wasteful social programs like orphanages, and then brush the kid aside with the same pitiful excuse that "someone else will take care of them." "Someone else" won't be there because their mother, without a choice, died in childbirth, or can't stand the sight of the child whose face looks more like the rapist every day, or is so high on crack that she isn't even aware she gave birth. Ask yourself, are you really part of the solution or part of the problem? If you can't be an active part of the solution, then shut up about the problem.

Now I don't condone women who use abortions as birth control. Prior to 1965 it was illegal to buy, sell, or receive information about contraceptives. Griswold v. Connecticut took care of that ignorance called a law. Now we are free to wear condoms or take the pill, or whatever your choice may be. Historically speaking, the "right to abortion" did not happen until women began gaining power politically. If a man could become pregnant, abortion would not only be legal, but a virtue. Though abortion is not a virtue, freedom of choice is.

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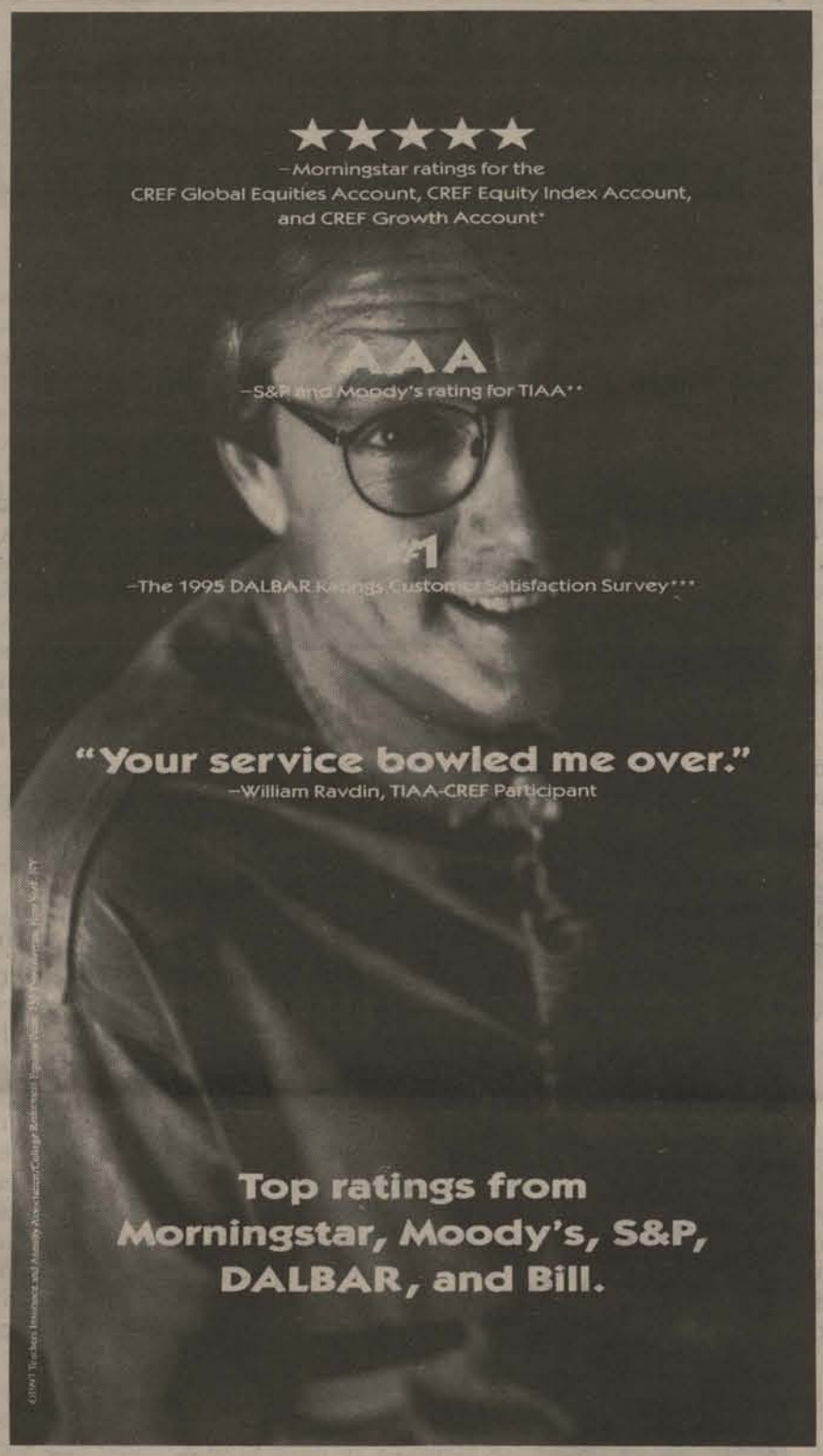

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MEET YOUR TEACHER

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Gary R. Boucher
- Assistant Professor of Physics and Computer Science
- M.S. Electrical Engineering - Louisiana Tech University
- M.S. Electronic Engineering Technology - Northwestern State University
- B.S. Electronic Engineering Technology - Norhtwestern State University
- Family: wife, daughter
- Interests: aviation, robotics, electronics, submarines

Try to envision a 5-year-old boy who nailed boards to a picnic table to see if he could get it to fly, or a 13-years-old, wiring a house his grandmother designed and built from cinder blocks. Would you be surprised if he was a professor of physics and computer science, a professor who performs aerobatic stunts in airshows or sometimes sends his robot to roam the halls to talk to people?

Gary Boucher of our own physics department is just that individual. Not only is he the architect of ROVAR (roving observational vehicular automatic robot), a 200-pound two- wheel drive robot equipped with voice and camera, he is also the creator of the Vindicator, a completely dry submarine capable of doing better than 7 knots while under water powered with a 6.7 horsepower motor.

An affection for creating, working with metal, and using the dynamics of different mediums of power have given Boucher work experience in software engineering and consulting, business, and teaching. But it is through his personal interests that these passions are expressed.

It was in high school Boucher learned to fly, built his first robot, and became interested in electronics and electrical engineering. The rest is an interesting history that is chronicled by the pictures on the wall of his office and in his scrap book: skylines of him in flight, an airshow of Decathlons, diving with the Vindicator, a black and white photo of a Japanese flying ace — signed, and a framed patent for ROVAR.

Spending hours sweating and toiling in his work area of carefully placed tools, Boucher's realization of his dreams didn't come easy.

"To have accomplishments, you have to forgo the comfort," said Boucher, who spent years on each of his projects, and his currently forming ideas for another robot — this time air-bound. Boucher isn't worried about staying on schedule or meeting a deadline, he just tries to stay focused in the time that he does have.

"You can double your stress trying to get 10 percent more from yourself. If people would just work at their capacity when they have the time available, and apply themselves, that's good enough," Boucher said.

If you would like to see pictures of Boucher's robot, submarine, or planes, visit his web page at: http://www.prysm.net/~protek/index.htm.

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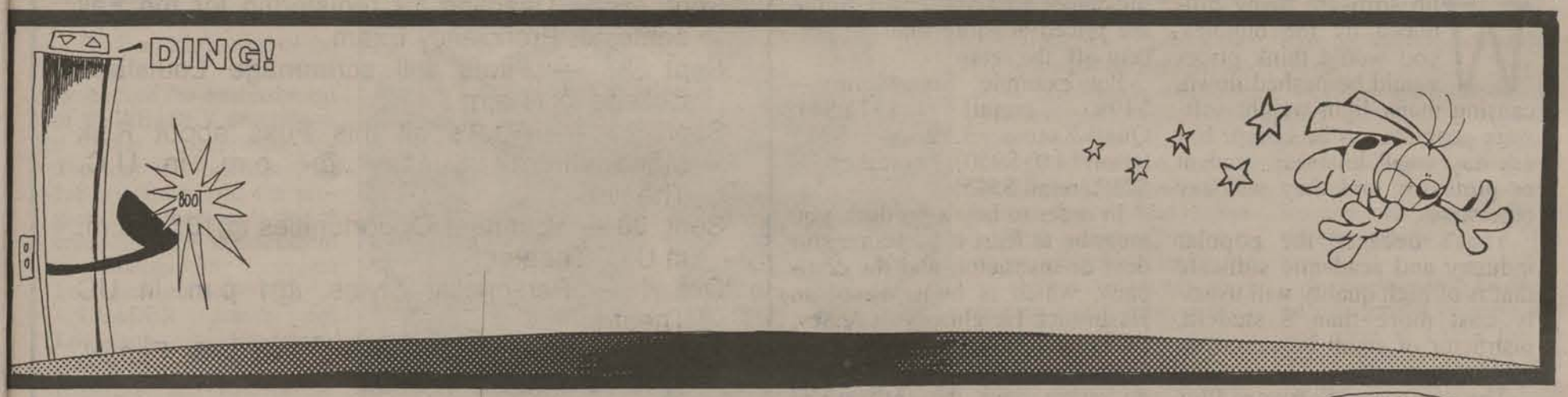

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CAMPUS ORGANIZATIONS

Japanese Cultural Society
Meets:2nd and 4th Tues of each month.
Activities: demonstrations, discussions.
Contact: Emi Wamsley, 861-7482, BH238, BH240.

Accounting Club
Meets: 3rd Wed. of each month, noon, BE216.
Activities: Speakers, Networking, Scholarships, Volunteer Tax Assistance, Campus Activities
Contact: Accounting dept., college of business.

Louisiana Association of Educators
Meets: 3rd Thurs. of each month
Activities: Student teacher tea, speakers, bookfair, workshops, and service projects.
Contact: Denise Wilson, 742-6423

Math Club
Meets: 2nd and 4th Tues. Of each month, 10:30 a.m., BH421
Activities: Group activities, Science Olympiad, Viro-Wars Tournament
Contact: Dr. Mabry or Dr. Covington.

History Club
Meets: First Thursday of each month, at 10:30 a.m. in BH 446.
Contact: Dr. Finley or Michael Modica, 747-4736.

Chemistry Club
Meets: 1st Thurs.of each month
Activities: group
Contact: Dr. Gustavson, 797-5091.

MBA Association
Meets: Once a month
Activities: seminars with guest speakers on career planning and resume writing, social activities.
Contact: Director of Graduate Studies, College of Business.

Rotorac
Meets: Two meetings per month
Activities: Students service organization, one service project per semester, luncheons.
Contact: Dr. Paul Merkle, 797-5240

Drama Club
Meets: Tues., Thurs., 10:30 a.m., BH330
Activities: Dramatic production, first hand information on auditions in local productions, volunteer work
Contact: Jorgi Jarzabek, 797-5228.

Sociology/Social Work Club
Meets: BH361
Contact: Ms. Kenna Franklin or David O'Neal, 424-7332

Biology Club
Meets: twice a month, SC 228.
Activities: Social events, carreer seminars, fundraisers, community and campus service projects.
Contact: Dr. Beverly Burden, 797-5088, bbrden@pilot.lsus.edu.

Campus Ministry
Meets: 1st and 3rd Tues., 10:30 a.m., UC Pilots Room.
Activities: devotionals, programs, service projects.
Contact: Toni Bishop, 798-8837 Betsy Eaves, 869-5024.

Catholic Student Union
Meets: Twice a month
Activities: Community service, social events, fundraisers.
Contact: Joseph Holubek, 868-6104.

Student Government Association
Meets: Every Tues. 1 p.m., DeSoto.
Open to everyone.
Contact: Michael Scales, 221-7441.

Psychology Club
Meets: 1st and 3rd Thurs. Monthly, 10:30, BE342
Activities: Community service, social events, speakers, fundraisers.
Contact: Michelle Hebert, 798-4023.

Public Relations Student Society of America
Meets: Monthly, Thurs., 10:30a.m.
Activities: Volunteer work, contact with PRSA, seminars, speakers, workshops.
Contact: Kathy Smith, 798-0049.

Society of Professional Journalists, Sigma Delta Chi
Meets: Thursdays, 10:30a.m.
Activities: guest speakers and field trips on topics related to journalism, socials.
Contact: Rita Uotila, 795-3319, or 797-5328.

Health and Physical Ed. Club
Meets: Tues, Thurs. 10:30 a.m.
Activities: Almost Anything Goes for LSUS, judge field days for elementary schools.
Contact: Macie Foster, 797-7294.

ACJS/Lambda Alpha Epsilon
Meets: 1st and 3rd Tue
Activities: Various community activities, speakers on law enforcement ops.
Contact: Dr. Bernadette Palombo 797-5343, or Richard Georgia 797-5078.

English Club
Meets: 3rd Thursday.of each month.
Activities: Booksale, guest speakers, social activities.
Contact: Dr. Thomas Dubose, BH251, or Patty Lenox, 869-3251.

International Club
Meets: 3rd Thursday of each month, 10:30 a.m., in BH242 (Foreign Language Multimedia Lab)
Activities: Guest speakers, films, travel and foreign exchange information, International Food Festival, community service.
Contact: Joe Patrick, 797-5390.

"Something Completely Different": A British Comedy Video Club
Meets: Every first Saturday of each month at 6:30-8:30 p.m. in BH101.
For anyone of any age who enjoys British comedy. No membership fee. Sponsored by the Fine Arts Dept.
Contact: David Damico, 798-6968, or ddamico@shreve.net

To make an update to the Student Organization list, contact ***the Almagest*** *office, BH344, tel. 797-5328, fax 797-5132, or e-mail, almagest@pilot.lsus.edu*

Week's Web Watch

By Mary Jimenez

http://www.spaninj.com

With software being produced by the bundles, you would think prices would be pushed down, causing many light-weight software programs to be cheap. But ask any small business, student or professor, and they will say otherwise.

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Sept. 25 — Date Rape Prevention @10:30 a.m. in U.C. Theater.
Sept. 26 — Deadline for registering for the Fall semester Proficiency Exam.
Sept. 27 — Pilots will scrimmage Louisiana College @11 a.m.
Sept. 28 — What's all this Fuss about Risk Management? Sunday @7 p.m. in U.C. Theater.
Sept. 30 — Volunteer Opportunities @10:30 a.m. in U.C. Theater.
Oct. 1 — Personality Styles. @1 p.m. in UC Theater.
Oct. 2 — Balancing School, Work & Family. @10:30 a.m. UC Theater.
Oct. 4 — A British Comedy Video Club meeting @ 6:30-8:30 p.m. in BH 101.
Oct. 7 — How to interview – workshop. @12:30 p.m. in AD213
Oct. 14 — Improving personal relationships. @10:30 a.m. in UC Theater.